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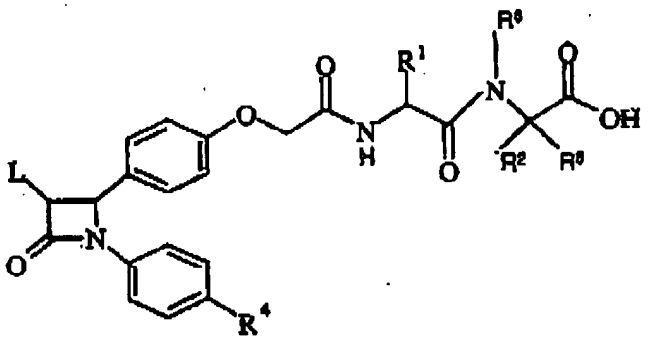
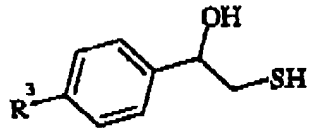


(XI)

~~wherein L is a displaceable group;~~

with a compound of formula (XII):



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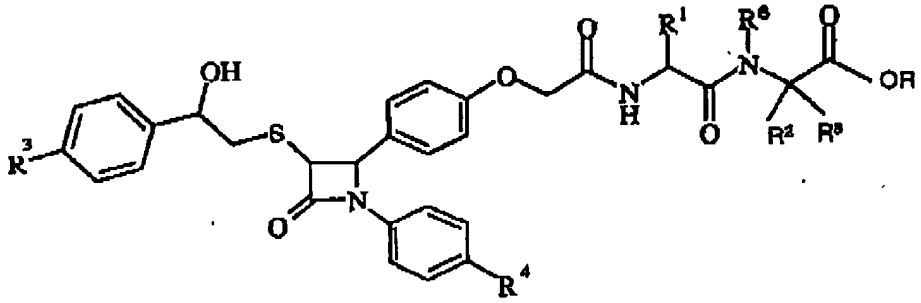

(XIII)

wherein the group C(O)OR is an ester group; and

wherein:

R^1 is hydrogen, C_{1-6}alkyl, C_{3-6}cycloalkyl or aryl; wherein said C_{1-6}alkyl may be optionally substituted by one or more hydroxy, amino, guanidino, carbamoyl, carboxy, C_{1-6}alkoxy, *N*-(C_{1-6}alkyl)amino, *N,N*-(C_{1-6}alkyl)$_2$amino, C_1-C_6 alkylcarbonylamino, C_{1-6}alkylS(O)$_a$ wherein a is 0-2, C_{1-6}cycloalkyl or aryl; and wherein any aryl group may be

optionally substituted by one or two substituents selected from halo, hydroxy, C_{1-6}alkyl or C_{1-6}alkoxy;

R^2 and R^5 are independently hydrogen, a branched or unbranched C_{1-6}alkyl, C_{3-6}cycloalkyl or aryl; wherein said C_{1-6}alkyl may be optionally substituted by one or more hydroxy, amino, guanidino, cyano, carbamoyl, carboxy, C_{1-6}alkoxy, aryl C_{1-6}alkoxy, $(C_1-C_4)_3Si$, *N*-(C_{1-6}alkyl)amino, *N,N*-(C_{1-6}alkyl)$_2$amino, C_{1-6}alkylS(O)$_a$, C_{3-6}cycloalkyl, aryl or aryl C_{1-6} alkylS(O)$_a$, wherein a is 0-2; and wherein any aryl group may be optionally substituted by one or two substituents selected from halo, hydroxy, C_{1-6}alkyl or C_{1-6}alkoxy;

R^3 is hydrogen, alkyl, halo, C_{1-6}alkoxy or C_{1-6} alkylS-;

R^4 is hydrogen, C_{1-6} alkyl, halo or C_{1-6}alkoxy;

R^6 is hydrogen, C_{1-6} alkyl, or arylC_{1-6} alkyl;

wherein R^5 and R^2 may form a ring with 2-7 carbon atoms and wherein R^6 and R^2 may form a ring with 3-6 carbon atoms; and

L is a displaceable group;

and thereafter ~~if necessary or desirable~~ optionally:

i) converting a compound of the formula (I) into another compound of the formula (I);

ii) removing any protecting groups;

iii) forming a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate, solvate of such a salt or a prodrug; or

iv) separating two or more enantiomers.

~~L is a displaceable group, suitable values for L are for example, a halogeno or sulphonyloxy group, for example a chloro, bromo, methanesulphonyloxy or toluene-4-sulphonyloxy group.~~

~~C(O)OR is an ester group, suitable values for C(O)OR are methoxycarbonyl, ethoxycarbonyl, t-butoxycarbonyl and benzyloxycarbonyl.~~

21. (new) A method of treating or preventing a hyperlipidemic condition comprising the administration of an effective amount of a compound according to claim 12 to a mammal in need thereof.

22. (new) A method of treating or preventing atherosclerosis comprising the administration of an effective amount of a compound according to claim 12 to a mammal in need thereof.

23. (new) A method for treating or preventing Alzheimers' disease comprising the administration of an effective amount of a compound according to claim 12 to a mammal in need thereof.

24. (new) A method for treating or preventing a cholesterol associated tumor comprising the administration of an effective amount of a compound according to claim 12 to a mammal in need thereof.

25. (new) A pharmaceutical formulation comprising a compound according to claim 12 in admixture with a pharmaceutically acceptable adjuvant, diluent and/or carrier.

26. (new) A process according to claim 20 wherein L is a halogen or sulphonyloxy group.

27. (new) A process according to claim 26 wherein L is a chloro, bromo, methanesulphonyloxy or toluene-4-sulphonyloxy group.

28. (new) A process according to claim 20 wherein the C(O)OR ester group is methoxycarbonyl, ethoxycarbonyl, *t*-butoxycarbonyl, or benzyloxycarbonyl.